

147th Reconnaissance Wing  
Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base  
Texas Air National Guard  
Installation Restoration Program Update  
Fall 2013



## Background

The 147th Reconnaissance Wing of the Texas Air National Guard is providing this update to provide information on the latest actions taken to manage and remediate contamination related to historical Base activities in order to meet current regulatory requirements to ensure safety to the health of personnel and the environment.

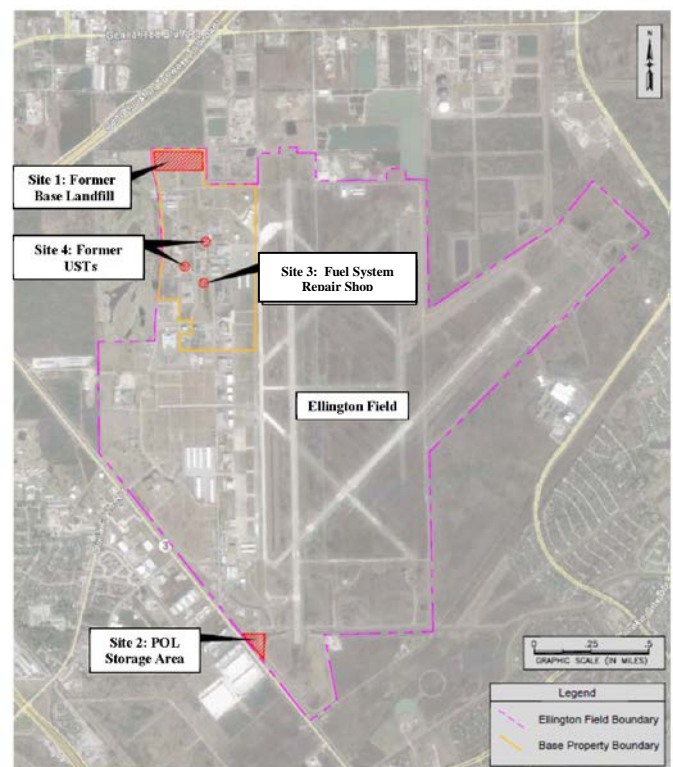
Past and present operations at the Base have involved use and disposal of hazardous materials, including fuels, oils, paints, and solvents. There are four Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) sites that were identified at the Base. They are: Site 1, the Former Base Landfill, Site 2, The Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricant Storage Area, Site 3, The Fuel System Repair Shop, and Site 4, The Underground Storage Tank Area near buildings 1380 and 1255. There are also seven Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) sites that have been identified at the Base: the Small Arms Range, the Skeet Range (two sites), the North Munitions Dump Site, the South Munitions Dump Site, the Ordnance Storage Area, the Small Arms and Flare Storage Magazines; shown on page 2 of this bulletin.

All of the ERP sites are closed with no further action required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), except for annual visual inspection to ensure that ERP Site 1 remains as designed. A Remedial

Investigation (RI) will begin at the North Munitions Dump Site this spring or summer depending on funding.

## Remaining ERP Site Receiving Annual Inspection/Monitoring

The Former Base Landfill, Site 1, is located at the northwest corner of the Base. The landfill site is approximately nineteen acres and is bordered by a golf course to the west and an undeveloped wooded area to the north, a commercial sand pit to the east, and additional base property to the south.



The landfill was used by the United States Air Force from 1942 until 1974. In October 2009, the TECQ approved a Post-Response Action Care Report and agreed that conditional

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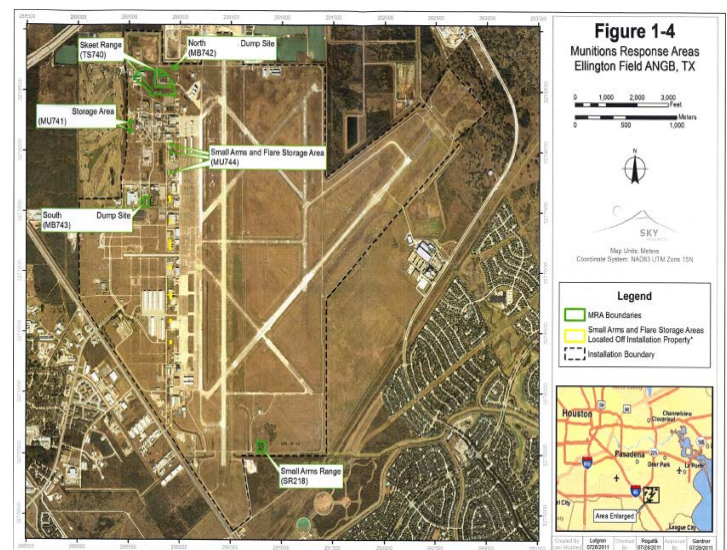
completion of response actions at Site 1 had been carried out in accordance with state regulations.

As part of the landfill closure process, grading of the earthen cover was performed. After grading was completed, the landfill must be inspected annually for 30 years, and an inspection report must be submitted every three years to TCEQ. This 3 year annual inspection was submitted as required in January 2013.

## Remedial Investigation of the North Munitions Dump Site Began and Ended in July 2013

The goal of the MMRP is to make munitions response sites safe for reuse and to protect human health and the environment in the process. The MMRP addresses the munitions and explosives as well as hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants that may be associated with MMRP sites.

The RI began and was halted in July 2013 in order to establish a new work plan. The investigation did establish that munitions parts had been buried at the site, no explosives were discovered. Complicating matters was a layer of metal at the 2 foot line which made the proposed method of removal impossible. A new work plan will be created in order to continue with the remedial investigation at the Site.



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## Interim Removal Actions of the Skeet Range Site Scheduled to Begin Nov 2013

Site TS740 MRS is associated with a skeet range that was operational from early 1940's to mid 1960's. Proposed media of concern consist of lead and hydrocarbons. Project scope is to remove these materials from the site, properly dispose of them, and re-establish the soils at the site to Texas Risk

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Reduction Program (TRRP) Protective  
Concentration Levels (PCL) levels for  
residential soils so that future construction  
and activities will not be impacted.